
Combat Center Order 3500.4J

**Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC)
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Range,
Training Area and Airspace (RTAA) Program**



**Standard Operation Procedures for
Range/Training Areas and Airspace
(Short Title: SOP for RTAA)**

numbered ranges. Only the submission of the SOM/ORM/SDZ/WDZ is required for safety validation and approval no less than seven working days prior to the planned event. If the unit's planned event can not be safely validated, the unit may submit a formal deviation request for approval. An example of the deviation request format is provided in Appendix B of this SOP. The requirements for deviations, briefs, SDZs, and airspace requests are provided in Figure 1-2.

a. Vehicles.

(1) Authorized Vehicles. Four categories of vehicles are allowed in the RTAs: tactical vehicles, non-tactical government vehicles, government-leased vehicles (GSA) and government contractor's vehicles. Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs) and rentals are not authorized in any training area without written permission from the AC/S G-3 or designated representative.

(2) Tactical vehicles, non-tactical government vehicles will not be authorized entry to the RTA without prior scheduling with the Range Scheduling Office. Government-leased vehicles and government contractor's vehicles will not be authorized entry to the RTA without prior scheduling with the Range Scheduling Office and without written permission from Range Control.

(3) Vehicles departing hard-surface roads enroute to any RTA must meet the following minimum requirements:

- (a) Radio for constant communications with Range Control.
- (b) Four-wheel drive vehicle.
- (c) Water (one 5-gallon water can per vehicle).
- (d) Two persons (exceptions may be authorized by the AC/S G-3).

b. Civilians. Civilians are not permitted on Ranges and Training Areas without command sponsorship and prior authorization from CG via the AC/S G-3.

c. Privately Owned Weapons. Privately owned weapons are not authorized on ranges or range training areas without special permission. Submit requests to the RCO a minimum of 10 working days in advance.

d. Carrying weapons to and from any range in POVs is not authorized without the organizational commander's approval.

1010. Training Accidents and Incident Reporting

1. General. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC requires that it be kept informed of any accident or incident that constitutes a serious or significant event which may require notification to higher headquarters (HHQ).

2. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Reporting. Any unit involved in an accident or incident while operating in the RTAA will immediately report the incident to Range Control (BEARMAT). If additional information or reports are required, the unit will be notified. In the event of serious injury or death, units will preserve the scene of the accident until released by the investigating officer or commanding officer. In the event of an accident resulting in a death, a representative from the deceased's organization will be assigned to accompany the remains to the Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms and San Bernardino County Coroner's Office, if necessary.